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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent application of:

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Art Unit: 1502

For: Hydrophobically Modified Polysaccharide)
In Personal Care Products)

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action dated February 5, 1998, please amend the above-entitled application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claim 1 as follow:

--1. (Amended) A personal care composition comprising:

(a) from about 0.1% to about 99% by weight of a vehicle system which comprises a hydrophobically modified nonionic water soluble polysaccharide polymer having a hydrophilic portion which comprises a water soluble polysaccharide polymer backbone